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King County Board for Developmental Disabilities MINUTES

Day/Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2004
Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Region 4, Capitol Hill Room
1700 East Cherry Street
Seattle, WA 98122

Board:

Heather Avery
Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox
Ted Daniels
Don Luby
John Nesbitt
Steven Thompson

Excused:

Marie Koole

Staff:

Ray Jensen, KCDDD
Michaelle Monday, KCDDD
Josh Goldfinger, KCWTP
Marybeth Poch, DDD/Region 4
Candy Airhart, DDD Region 4
Michael Rogers, DDD/Region 4
Ray Takeuchi, DSHS/DDD/Region 4

Guests*:

Bill Sellars, The Arc
Kathy Sellars, LifeSPAN
Daniel Gross, Momentum
Phil McConnell, Work Opportunities
Susan Loggins, UWETP
Debbie Meyers, SKCAC Industries
Lisa Turner, LTA, Inc.
Richard Wilson, Arc of King County
Lyle Romer, TLC
PS "Steve" Bundy, SODA

*Listed above are individuals who signed the roster

Introductions and Chair's Comments

Heather Avery, Chair, introduced herself.

Approval of Minutes

12010401 Heather Avery called for the approval of the November 2004 Minutes. Steven Thompson moved, Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox seconded, and the November Minutes were approved.

Legislative Report

Ray Jensen announced the success of the 15th annual Legislative Forum with a total of about 610 attendees, which included over 30 legislators, and representation from all the

congressional districts. Ray thanked Bill Sellars for the wonderful job he did on the King County Employers list that identified many employers that hire individuals with developmental disabilities in King County.

Presentation: Work Program for new Plan and Work Program for Board Recruitment

Josh Goldfinger, Planner for the King County Community Services Division, introduced himself and explained that he is assisting Ray Jensen to structure and conduct a planning process for a new Biennium plan. Two documents were distributed to Board members entitled, "Proposed Planning Committee Work Program for New Plan and Proposed Recruiting and Nominating Committee Work Program for Board Recruitment." Josh identified the following five major phases that will involve Board participation:

- Data gathering to identify needs, trends, and issues that need addressing (to be completed by mid December);
- Conducting a series of focus groups in which open ended qualitative questions were asked (a report will be submitted on December 15);
- Case Resource Managers from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Region 4, will conduct interviews with individuals who don't speak English as their first language to obtain qualitative information that will identify client age ranges and language groups;
- Arranging with the Arc of King County staff to perform additional interviews to make sure that people of color are adequately represented;
- King County Developmental Disabilities Division (KCDDD) is compiling data from the County Human Resources Information System (CHRIS) Database with a cut off date of June 30 to review where clients live in relationship to service providers. In addition service data will also be compiled to identify what has dollars been buying for how many people as well as reviewing existing studies, reports, and surveys to identify needs, trends, and issues.

Ray asked for Board volunteers to staff an Ad Hoc Committee to finalize the plan process. Ted Daniels, Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox, Heather Avery, and Don Luby will serve on the committee. Josh Goldfinger is the lead on this project and he can be reached by email at josh.goldfinger@metrokc.gov or by phone at 206-296-8611.

Josh continued with discussions about the Proposed Recruiting and Nominating Committee Work Program for Board Recruitment. The Development Plan was developed to recruit new Board members. A new Board application form was distributed for the first time at the Legislative Forum (copies of the application were located on the table and it will soon be available on the King County website.) A Recruitment and Nominating Committee is needed to assist staff in reviewing applications.



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Bylaws Discussion

Ray Jensen reported that in the October Board Retreat the Board suggested the reorganization of current committees. The Bylaws were revised to reflect the addition of the following committees: a Board Development Committee that would be responsible for Board recruitment, training, and mentoring of Board candidates; a Planning Committee, which would collapse the current committee structure of the Employment and Support Services Committees. Those committees will now report to the Planning Committee, which will look at services and needs as a whole to produce products; and a Finance Committee that will review and understand the origination of funds, the County's obligations, and participate in the County's budgeting process.

12010402 Ted Daniels moved for the approval of the revised Bylaws, Heather Avery seconded, and the revised Bylaws were approved.

General Public Input

Margaret-Lee Thompson reported that 609 individuals attended the Legislative Forum, 40 elected officials represented, the Rossi campaign sent two staff members, 6 congressional staff representing five of the six congressional offices, 31 state legislatures, and representation from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), Central Office.

Reports

Regional Administrator / Field Services Report

Marybeth Poch reported on the following:

- Region 4 is teaming with the County to implement the pathways to employment policy;
- Region 4 is also working jointly with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the County to address the needs of the individuals on the DVR Waiting List;
- Marybeth announced that she has a candidate for the Field Services Administrator position, but she has not received a final response (to be announced at a later date);
- Fircrest update;
- Top priorities are the plans of care with the completion by the end of March, continue work with the residential care services, and the certification of programs.



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KCDDD Director's Report

Ray Jensen announced the following:

- Provider contracts should go out within the week and he asked that Providers return contracts by the last week of December for processing.
- Recruiting members for the Working Age Adult Task Force (If you are interested fill out an application, forward to Michaelle, and spread the word to other interested parties;)

Ted Daniels announced the good news concerning congress' Appropriations Bill on Section 8. The President's request was not accepted for a cut of a billion and a half dollars nor his request to have the funds come to the states in a block grant.

Additional handouts from today's meeting were as follows:

- 2005 Board for Developmental Disabilities Meeting Schedule;
- Task Force Recruitment letter and application for the Working Age Adult Policy

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 5 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. at Region 4, Large Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



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